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**Carroll Storrs Alden**, a beloved "Mr. Chips" of the U. S. Naval Academy, has taught English, history and government to nearly all of the officers who now man U. S. warships. A Yale graduate and warm friend of Billy Phelps, he went to Annapolis in 1904. He has written, alone

or in collaboration, many a book on naval history, including *A Short History of the U. S. Navy* and *Makers of Naval Tradition*. Last April, Professor Alden reached the compulsory retirement age. He is shown here, in the auditorium of Mahan Hall, delivering his last lecture.



## THESE ARE SOME WHO HAVE FALLEN ON HARD TIMES



**The five children** of John Alden of Clear Lake, Mich. here pose on the porch of their dilapidated, unpainted home in the woods beside the lake. They are, l. to r.: (*front row*) Linda Lou, 4, Charles, 5, John, 7, (*back row*) June, 9, Lenora, 11. Their happy-go-lucky father, a descendant of John and Priscilla's second son Joseph, inherited part ownership of the lake.

He rents boats and charges for fishing privileges in summer, traps and does odd jobs in winter. Since his wife left him, Lenora has been mother of the household. Social workers have tried to take the children away from him, but he and they both refuse to be parted. Though short on luxuries, including soap, these five small Aldens are healthy, happy, and learning

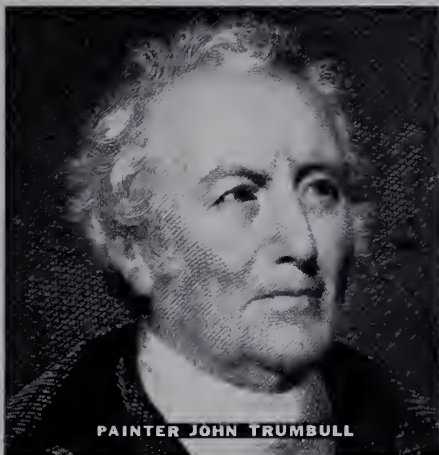
to make something of themselves at a nearby school. They have plenty of fun playing games by the lake and romping with their four dogs. They used to have a goat, too, but it fell down the outhouse and expired. On the opposite page are some of their better-known dead and living kinfolk, descendants of John and Priscilla who do not bear the Alden name.



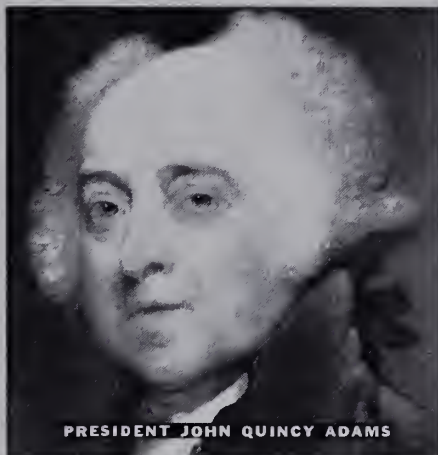
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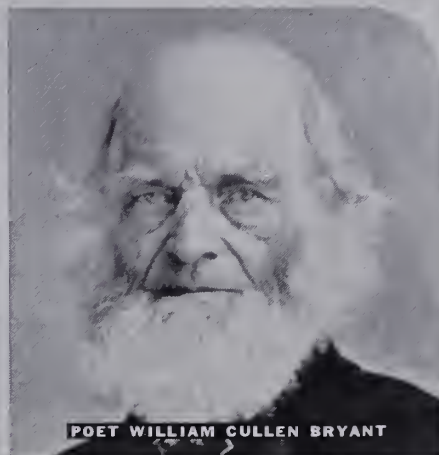
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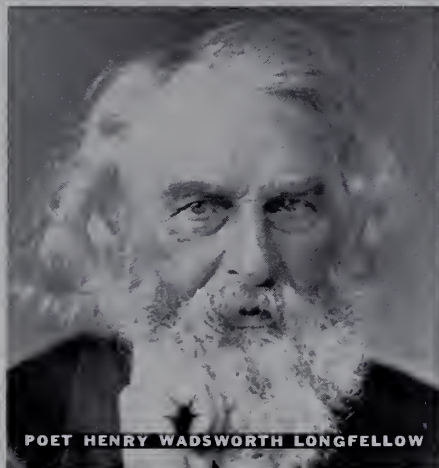
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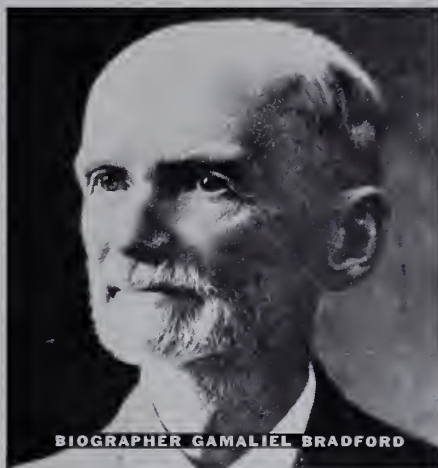
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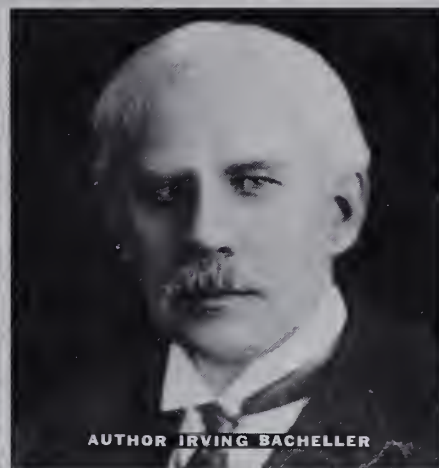
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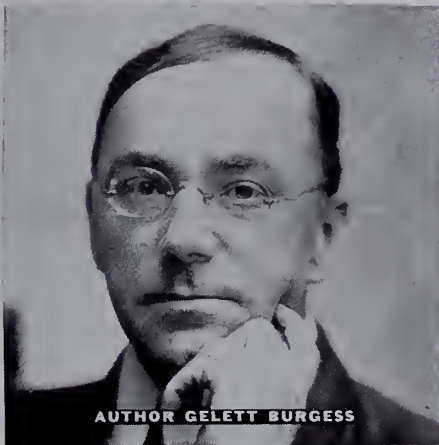
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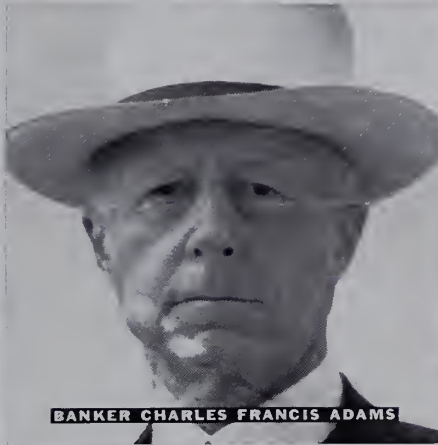
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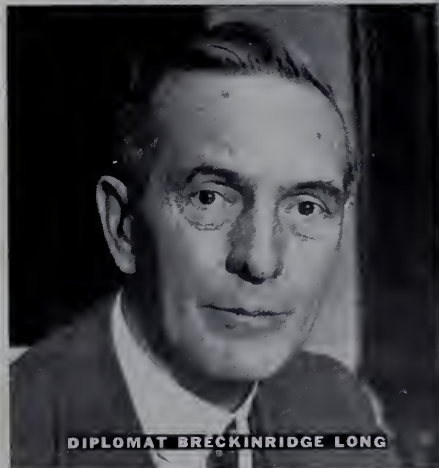
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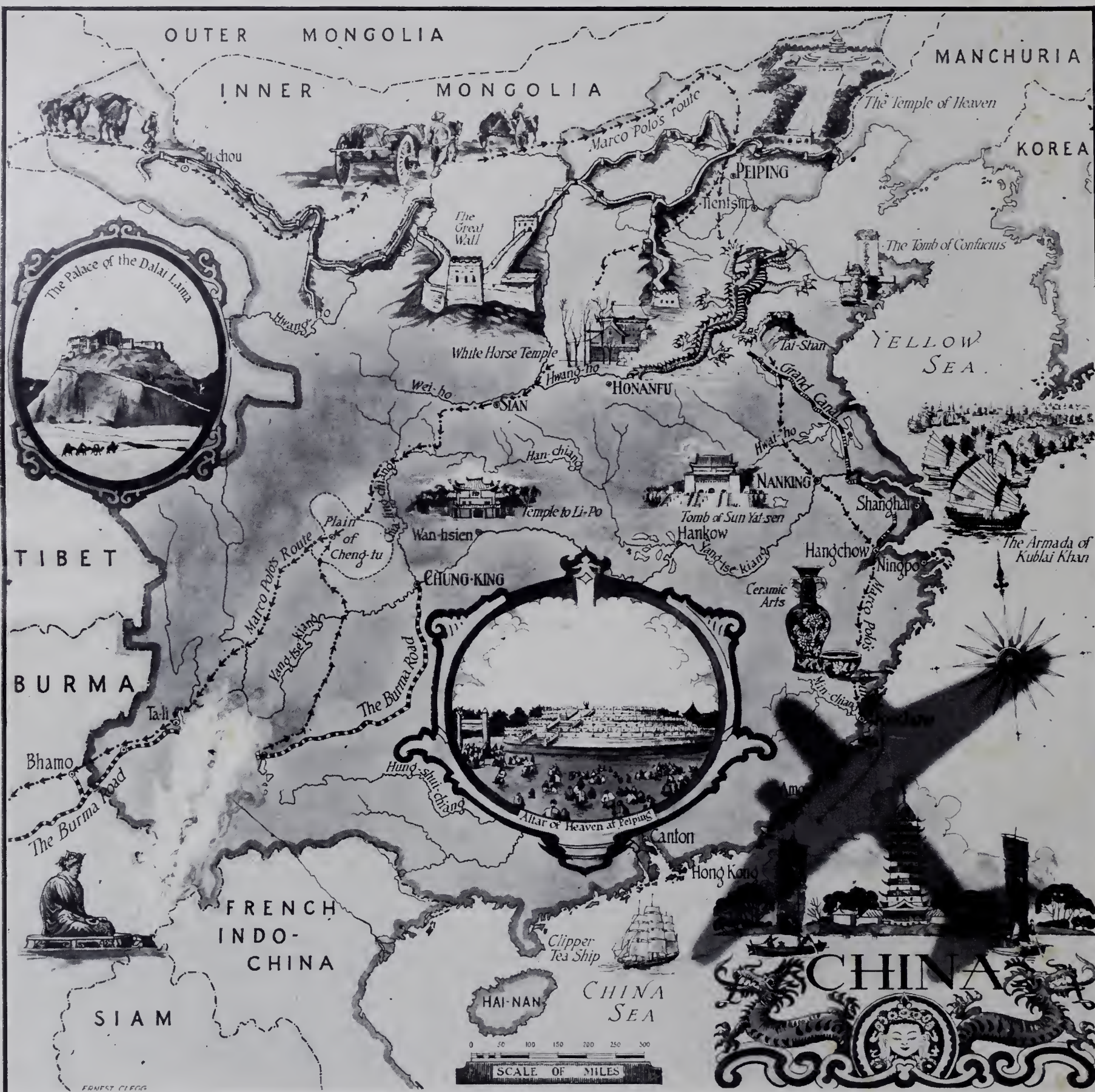
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# WINGS OVER CHINA



## THE MODERN WORLD CASTS ITS SHADOW ACROSS THE FACE OF IMMEMORIAL CHINA

**T**HIS is not a military map of modern China. It is a picture map of the history of Old China, the 4,600-year-old kingdom of the Middle of the World. Fittingly centered on the map, because it represented the unity of China, is the Altar of Heaven on which the Emperors in Peking used to pray in the center of nine concentric circles of marble to the God of the Universe,

Shang-ti. China's code of human conduct goes back 2,500 years to Confucius, whose tomb is shown. From India by way of a symbolic White Horse, which gave its name to a temple in the North, came a religion and a life-after-death from Confucius' contemporary, Buddha. In 762 A. D. China's greatest poet, Li Po, a drunkard, drowned trying to kiss the sheen of moon-

light on water and got a temple dedicated to him. Elsewhere on the map are shown the route of Marco Polo to the court of Kublai Khan whose great armada notably failed to vanquish the Japanese seamen. Near Nanking stands the modern tomb of China's "George Washington," Revolutionary Sun Yat-sen. China's real dragon is the flooding Hwang Ho River.



# THE ALDEN FAMILY

## A SEQUEL TO THE FIRST AMERICAN LOVE STORY

*But as he warmed and glowed, in his simple and eloquent language,*

*Quite forgetful of self, and full of the praise of his rival,*

*Archly the maiden smiled, and, with eyes overrunning with laughter,*

*Said, in a tremulous voice, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"*

As every American schoolchild knows, John did speak for himself. The consequences, which would certainly have startled and embarrassed the lovers if they could have foreseen them, are less well known. There are now an estimated 5,000,000 people walking the streets and riding the roads of America who are direct descendants of John and Priscilla Alden. Of these, the Alden Kindred have listed in a Master Index 29,000 who bear the Alden name. Some of them are shown below eating dinner at Duxbury, Mass. in a replica of cabin which John built there in 1627.

John and Priscilla owe their renown almost wholly to the poem by their great-great-great-great-grandson Henry W. Longfellow from which the above lines are taken: *The Courtship of Miles Standish*. Stuffy historians cast doubt on the legend according to which John was dispatched to woo Priscilla as proxy for Captain Standish. But their love story nonetheless remains the first and most famous in American history. And the story was by no means ended as

*Old and yet ever new, and simple and beautiful always,*

*Love immortal and young in the endless succession of lovers.*

*So through the Plymouth woods passed onward the bridal procession.*

Neither John Alden nor Myles Standish was a genuine Pilgrim (or Separatist, as the colonists called themselves, because they favored separation of Church and State). Alden, aged 21, was hired to go along on the *Mayflower* as a cooper (barrel-maker). Standish was a professional soldier, hired to fight off



"JOHN AND PRISCILLA" BY FRANCIS D. MILLET

the Indians. Priscilla Mullins, daughter of a well-to-do family of Huguenot descent, was left alone in the world when her father, mother and brother died in the first terrible winter at Plymouth. She and John were married the next year, in 1622.

The settlers soon began to feel crowded in Plymouth and some of the more enterprising, including Alden and Standish, moved a few miles north to found a settlement named Duxbury after Standish's ancestral home in England. There John Alden lived long and prospered. He was one of eight colonists who paid off the £2,400 grubstake supplied for the *Mayflower* venture by the Merchant Adventurers of London. He became surveyor of highways, magistrate, deputy governor, served on the council of war against King Philip. When he died in 1687, aged 88, he was last surviving signer of Mayflower Compact.

John and Priscilla, God-fearing builders of a new land, already had three children when they moved to Duxbury. Eight more were born to them there. Eldest son John was arrested in 1692 on a witchcraft charge, broke jail "at the bloodiest crisis of the tragedy," and appeared late at night in Duxbury explaining that he was "flying from the devil." Eight of the eleven children, including Daughter Sarah who married Myles Standish's son Alexander, waxed fruitful and multiplied to produce the myriad posterity which includes the people on the following pages.



ALDENS WHO STILL LIVE IN ANCESTRAL DUXBURY, MASS. TAKE DINNER IN A REPLICA OF THE LOG CABIN WHICH JOHN ALDEN BUILT WHEN HE MOVED THERE IN 1627

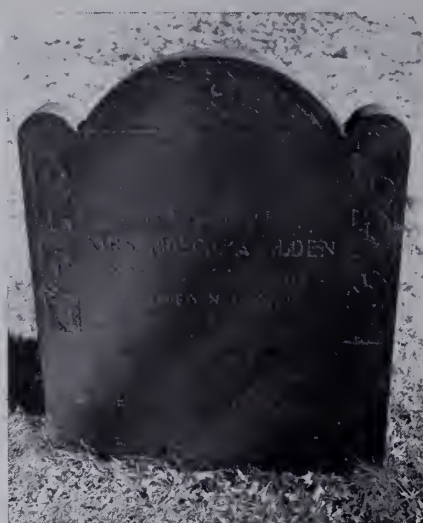




Duxbury, Mass., where John Alden and Myles Standish settled, is 30 mi. south of Boston.



John Alden's grave, exact location unknown, is somewhere in Standish Burying Ground.



Priscilla Alden is commemorated by Alden Kindred marker. Date of death is unknown.



Hand-painted signs by Mrs. Arthur Alden point tourists' way to the John Alden House.



Another Alden wedding, 319 years later, brought this family group together last May. John Alden, 16, stands at left

front beside his grandfather, Charles L. Alden. On top step are two of Charles's sons: Myles Standish Alden (in white

tie) and Arthur, John's father. Mrs. Arthur Alden stands at husband's left, their daughter Beatrice at front right.





The John Alden House, built by John I, stands on Alden Street in Duxbury. For 25¢ Mrs. Arthur Alden shows tourists around.



A replica of log cabin John and Priscilla built when they first moved to Duxbury was built by Charles L. Alden in 1923.



The Arthur Aldens spend winters in this rented house, summers in the cabin. Son John's jalopy stands by garage.

## SOME STILL LIVE IN DUXBURY

By 1653 John Alden had prospered sufficiently to build the fine ten-room house shown at top left. It still stands in quaint little Duxbury, Mass. Passed down from one Alden to another, it was eventually turned over to the family association, the Alden Kindred of America, as a memorial and tourist site. Its present caretaker is Mrs. Arthur W. Alden, who lives with her family behind it in the house at top right. Whenever a tourist honks his horn, Mrs. Alden drops whatever she is doing to rush over to the old house, collect 25¢ admission and conduct a little lecture tour.

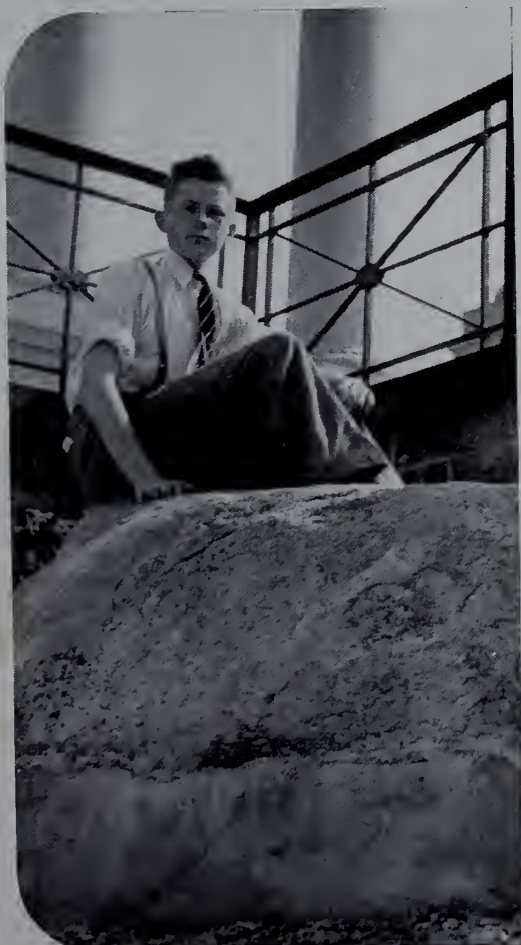
Tourists usually look impressed when Mrs. Alden's husband or children happen to be in sight and she (one of whose own ancestors was in the boat with George Washington when he crossed the Delaware) proudly points them out as actual descendants of the fabled John and Priscilla. But Mr. Alden, possibly because his father has made a considerable hobby of it, is pretty well bored with the subject of his ancestry. A quiet, outdoor-loving man, Arthur Alden

would probably have been happily suited to life in the Plymouth Colony. Now he works 12 to 14 hours a day as manager of the White Bros. milk bar in Duxbury, gets only an occasional day off for fishing, hiking, sapping maple trees, digging clams. But, though he started life in a 21-room mansion (his father owned a big milk-distributing business in Boston) and was fairly prosperous himself until he lost \$40,000 trying to start a Ford agency, he makes no complaints about his present life.

The Arthur Aldens have two children: John, 16, and Beatrice, 12. John, who is tenth in line from John I, is a shy, studious boy whose favorite sport is taking apart and re-assembling his \$5 jalopy, Mollie. He works in the milk bar Saturdays and Sundays, making \$1.50 a day, earns extra money outside school hours repairing bicycles and delivering papers. Ambitious, he wants to get out of Duxbury, which now makes its living mostly off the rich Bostonians who spend their summers there. And too, says John Alden X, "I'm sick of being an historical attraction."



Arthur Alden, 53, is the outdoor-loving manager of White Bros. milk bar. He spends 12-14 hr. a day behind the counter.



John Alden, of tenth generation, who says he is "sick of being an historical attraction," on Plymouth Rock.



Jean and Joan Alden, 16, identical-twin daughters of Myles Standish Alden (right), are seniors in Middleboro, Mass. High School.



Myles Standish Alden, brother of Arthur, clowns at a beach picnic. He has a job in the State Public Works Department.





Herbert Watson Alden, 70, recently retired as board chairman of the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., but remains active as director of engineering. Timken is now making most of the Army's tank transmissions, which Mr. Alden designed, as well as axles for 4- and 6-wheel-drive Army trucks.

## THESE ARE FOUR OF THE ALDENS IN "WHO'S WHO"

Of John and Priscilla Alden's numerous posterity, few who bear their name have become famous. Tending to the learned professions (John Alden I was better educated than most of the Pilgrims), distinguished Aldens of the past have been noted more for long lives and many children than for the worldly achievements attained by some of their fellow descendants not named Alden (see p. 91). There are, however, several bygone Aldens whom the Alden Kindred recall with pride. Various bearers of the name have written such pamphlets as *Despotism vs. Republicanism, Emancipation and Emigration* and *Vaticanism Unmasked, by a Puritan of the Nineteenth Century*. A Major Roger Alden was aide to General Greene in the Revolution, and his son, Captain Bradford Alden, became commandant of West Point. Rear Admiral James Alden served in the Mexican and Civil Wars. Dr. Seth Alden attended the family of Ethan Allen, and the Rev. Ebenezer Alden preached Daniel Webster's funeral sermon. The Rev. Joseph Alden was once president of Jefferson College. The Rev. Timothy Alden, a Harvard graduate, founded no less than seven educational institutions.

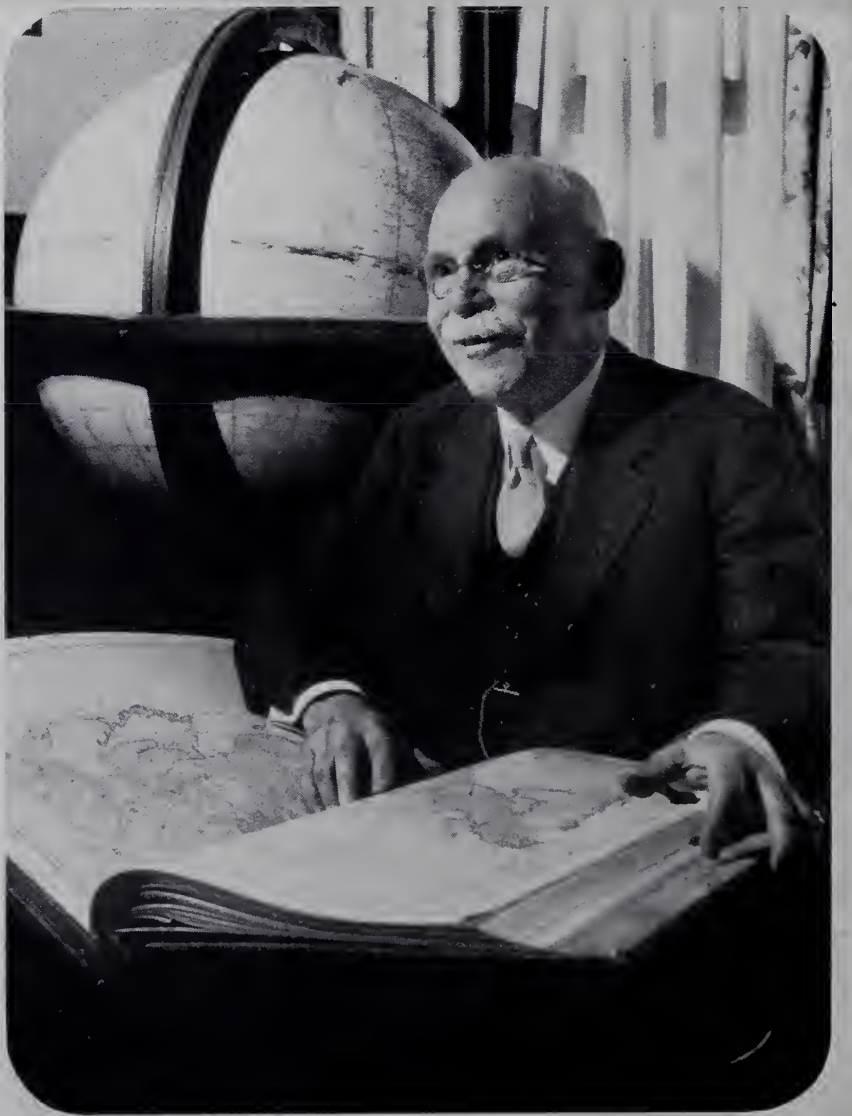
The same partiality for the learned professions appears among the eleven living Aldens listed in *Who's Who*, all of whom are verified by the Alden Kindred as descendants of John and Priscilla. They include two lawyers, two college professors, an architect, a lecturer, a railway official, an engineer, a yacht designer, a clergyman and a geologist. Four are shown on these pages.



John G. Alden of Little Compton, R. I. confines his *Who's Who* listing to "yacht designer, many of whose boats have won ocean races." The fact is that Mr. Alden has more yachts to his credit in *Lloyd's Register of American Yachts* than any other four designers together.



The Alden Kindred of New York, whose officers are shown above, compile a family Master Index and publishes a monthly *Alden Kindred Gossip*. Another group, the Alden Kindred of America, Inc., holds a yearly reunion at Duxbury. The U. S. has more than 500 such family associations.



Charles Henry Alden, 73, is an architect who has practiced in Seattle since 1909, designed many of the city's distinguished buildings and homes. A bachelor, he lives at the University Club, takes special pride in its library which he founded, assembled and decorated.







